

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1206

By Burks

A RESOLUTION to recognize Coach Pat Swallows on the occasion of his retirement.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those coaches who have performed their duties with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm and who, through their magnificent exploits, have brought honor to this State; and

WHEREAS, one such estimable coach is Pat Swallows, the longtime head coach of the Livingston Academy baseball team, who recently retired after a long and storied career in the dugout; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Swallows has more than forty years of coaching experience, and has spent the last thirty-four years at the helm of the Livingston Academy team, a remarkable career by any estimation. Prior to his work at Livingston, he was the head coach of the Cookeville High baseball team; and

WHEREAS, in his years of coaching, Pat Swallows has amassed an impressive 533-310 career record; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Swallows began teaching at Livingston Academy after graduating from Middle Tennessee State University, from which he earned a Bachelor of Science degree in physical education. He also earned a master's degree in counseling from Tennessee Tech University; and

WHEREAS, after returning to the Livingston Academy following his graduation from Middle Tennessee State, Pat Swallows was the driving force behind the creation of the school's baseball program, which has since grown by leaps and bounds; and

WHEREAS, an educator at Livingston Academy since 1969, he currently serves as the guidance counselor for school, a position to which he will continue to dedicate his time and energies after his departure from the diamond; and

WHEREAS, Pat Swallows is perhaps most appreciative of the love and support he shares with his wife, Louise, and their three sons, Scott, Adam, and Grant. He is also the doting grandfather of Joshua, Brady, and Anniston; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Swallows exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family and community that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, Pat Swallows has demonstrated a remarkable ability to motivate his players to reach their fullest potential; he exemplifies character and determination, and he should be specially recognized for the impact he has made during his career; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we extend to Pat Swallows our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement from the head baseball coaching position at Livingston Academy and every continued success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.